

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

Kansas Immunization Program

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VFC Consultant On-Call

The Consultant On-Call can be reached Monday—Friday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. at 785-296-5592.



CHIEF CHAT

Happy New Year! You've heard the saying, out with the old and in with the new! As we enter the new year, the Kansas Immunization Program (KIP) is planning on making changes to the way we communicate with Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

The What's Happening Wednesday newsletter will now be published every other week instead of weekly. We want the newsletter to provide concise and relevant information for VFC providers and others interested in the KIP. If you have any ideas for topics to discuss or have suggestions for improvement, please feel free to let us know. You can send questions, comments, and feedback to kdhe.immunizationRegistry@ks.gov.

Believe it or not, it is almost time to complete the flu pre-book for the 2020-2021 flu season. Please be on the lookout for a Special Alert describing the process and providing the deadlines for

ordering flu vaccine for the next flu season. The turnaround time will be very limited so start thinking about what type of vaccine and the quantity of vaccine your clinic wants to order. More information will be forthcoming.

The updated *You Call the Shots* training modules on the *Vaccines for Children Program* and *Storage and Handling* have just been released. You can read more about how to access the modules and upload the training certificates in the Injection of Education article found on page 2.

Finally, we are thankful for all the hard work and dedication from VFC providers across the state. Thank you for your continued commitment in ensuring all children have access to life saving vaccines. From everyone at the KIP, we wish everyone a wonderful 2020!

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Kansas Immunization Program offices will be **closed** on **Monday, January 20, 2020** in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. We will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 21.



INJECTION OF EDUCATION

The new year often brings thoughts of a new start or New Year’s resolutions. It is also a time to begin reviewing processes and looking at annual staff training requirements.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated the *You Call the Shots* web-based training courses. As you know, the *Vaccines for Children* and *Vaccine Storage and Handling* modules are required to be completed annually for all VFC contacts including the primary, back-up, and secondary contacts.

These modules must be completed for VFC re-enrollment that occurs around April or May each year. **Please have appropriate staff complete the modules and upload copies of their training certificates into KSWebIZ by close of business on Friday, March 13.** See page 3 for complete instructions.

As you are reviewing and completing annual staff training, remember that even though these modules are only required for VFC contacts, there is a lot of beneficial information that can be useful for staff that receive vaccines, administer vaccines, or screen for vaccine eligibility.

To complete the modules and get your training certificates, click on the link below and then follow the [9 Simple Steps to Get Your Continuing Education](#).

Save your certificates and follow the instructions to upload your certificates into KSWebIZ. If you have any questions or any difficulties, you can call the KSWebIZ Helpdesk at 877-296-0464 or email them at KDHE.ImmunizationRegistry@ks.gov.

CDC You Call the Shots – Module Ten (WB4266) – Storage and Handling 2020
<https://www2a.cdc.gov/nip/isd/ycts/mod1/courses/sh/ce.asp>

CDC You Call the Shots – Module Sixteen (WB4265) – Vaccines for Children Program 2020
<https://www2a.cdc.gov/nip/isd/ycts/mod1/courses/vfc/ce.asp>

CDC Immunization Courses

The CDC immunization courses can be accessed at: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.html>

The two required *Training Course* are:

1. **Vaccines for Children (VFC)**
2. **Vaccine Storage and Handling.**

Detailed instructions for obtaining a certificate for the immunization courses can be found at:

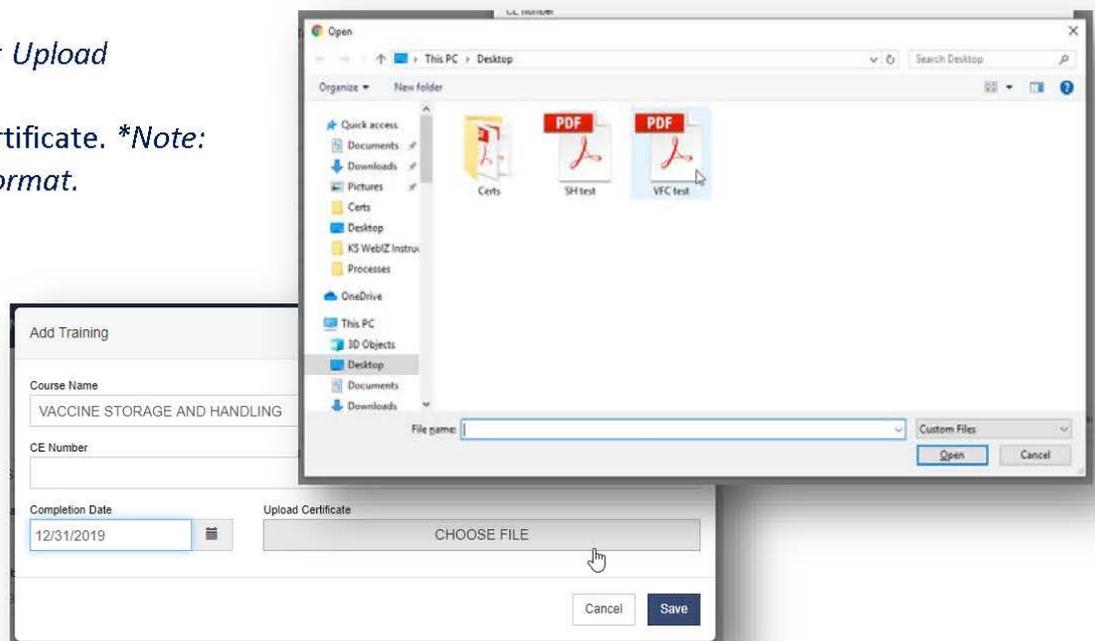
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/ce-credit-how-to.html>

Uploading Training Certificates into KSWebIZ

1. Begin by visiting the KSWebIZ website: <https://kanphix.kdhe.state.ks.us>
2. When you arrive at the website, select the link for **KSWebIZ**.
3. Enter your **Username** and **Password**.
4. Select **Login**.
 - For users that have access to **multiple providers**, make sure your **Default Provider/Clinic** on the home screen is set to the provider you are submitting the form for.
 - For providers with a **warehouse** and an **administration clinic**, the **Default Provider/Clinic** on the home screen must be set to the warehouse not the administration clinic.
5. Select the link for **Clinic Tools** on the left-hand menu.
6. Select the link for **Clinic Information** on the left-hand menu.
7. Select the link for **Staff** on the left-hand menu.
8. Select the **Edit** action for the contact needed updated.
9. Select **Add Training**.
10. Select **Vaccine Storage and Handling** or **Vaccines for Children** from the *drop down* menu under *Course Name*.
11. Enter the **date** the course was completed in the *Completion Date* field.
12. Select **Choose File** under *Upload Certificate*.
13. Select the **file** for the certificate. **Note: the file must be in PDF format.*
14. Select **Open**.
15. Select **Save**.
16. Complete **Steps 9-15** for the second certificate.

Training Section

| Course Name | CE Number | Completion Date | Upload Certificate | Add Training |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| VACCINE STORAGE AND HANDLING | | 04/04/2019 | BACKUP SH 2019.PDF | |
| VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) | | 04/04/2019 | BACKUP VFC 2019.PDF | |



KSWebIZ Upgrade

KSWebIZ will be undergoing an upgrade to version 19.10 of the application. The system will be unavailable from **5 - 10 p.m.** on **Thursday, January 23** while the upgrade is being performed. Any HL7 messages received during this time will be placed in a que until the upgrade is complete and then released. A document describing the most notable new features and updates available in the application will be posted to the Reports module before the upgrade.

Vaccine Redistribution

The Kansas Immunization Program has a Vaccine Redistribution List available for clinics with vaccine that cannot be used before its expiration date. There are three lists available: regular VFC vaccine, Influenza vaccine, and Private vaccine. To put vaccine on the list, the vaccine must have a minimum of 90 days and a maximum of 365 days before the vaccine's expiration date. Clinics are still responsible for vaccine while it is on the redistribution list.

We encourage clinics to only take vaccine from the list if it can be used before the expiration date. Clinics choosing to receive vaccine from the redistribution list are responsible for the vaccine received.

Notify the Vaccine Coordinator via email at KDHE.Vaccine@ks.gov to add vaccine to the redistribution list and to update the number of doses available. Be sure to notify your Regional Immunization Consultant prior to transferring any vaccine.

To find the redistribution list please visit the following link:

http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/vaccine_redistribution.htm

Influenza Surveillance



During the week ending December 28, 2019, 23 of 37 (62%) Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) providers submitted data monitoring patients for influenza-like illness (ILI) of symptoms including fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$) and presence of a cough and/or sore throat. Among ILINet providers, 7.2% of all outpatient visits were for ILI.

Of the laboratory confirmed influenza specimens tested through Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL), activity has predominantly remained subtype A/H1.

Current geographic spread in Kansas remains at the regional level with the highest percentage of ILI visits reported in the southwest, northeast and south central regions of the state.